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SUBJECT: AID PROGRAM LEVEL FOR FY 79

1. I AM DISTURBED BY REPORTS OF THE WASHINGTON REVIEW OF THE BOLIVIA PROGRAM WHICH INDICATE THAT A CUT TO \$30-\$35 MILLION FOR FY 79 IS BEING CONSIDERED (VERSUS THE MISSION'S PROPOSAL OF \$67 MILLION AND AN ESTIMATED FY78 PROGRAM OF \$50 MILLION). SUCH A CUT WOULD BE VERY SHORT-SIGHTED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS.

--BOLIVIA REMAINS THE POOREST COUNTRY BY FAR IN SOUTH AMERICA, WITH RURAL POVERTY AS ACUTE AS IN MUCH OF AFRICA.

--BOLIVIA'S CAPACITY TO FINANCE ITS OWN INVESTMENT, BUOYED IN PAST YEARS BY SOARING TIN, OIL AND GAS PRICES, IS DECLIN-
ING, NOT INCREASING.

--WHEN OUR POLICY IS TO REWARD HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE, WHY ARE WE CUTTING OUR AID TO BOLIVIA AT THE MOMENT AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER, TO LEAVES BELOW THAT PROVIDED TO BANZER'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT?

--UNLESS WE GET A HIGHER LEVEL THAN \$30-\$35 MILLION WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FUND AT AN ADEQUATE LEVEL THE CRITICAL
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PROJECT FOR AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION IN THE COCA-GROWING ZONES.

2. I KNOW THAT THE BUDGET SITUATION IS TOUGH AND ALL PROGRAMS CANNOT GROW. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME WE SHOULD AT LEAST RESTORE THE FY79 PROGRAM TO \$45 MILLION (WHICH IS NO INCREASE AT ALL OVER FY 78) AND AUTHORIZE THE \$10 MILLION RURAL HEALTH

PROJECT THIS FISCAL YEAR, SO THAT OTHER IMPORTANT PROJECTS
CAN BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN A TIGHT FY79 LEVEL.
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